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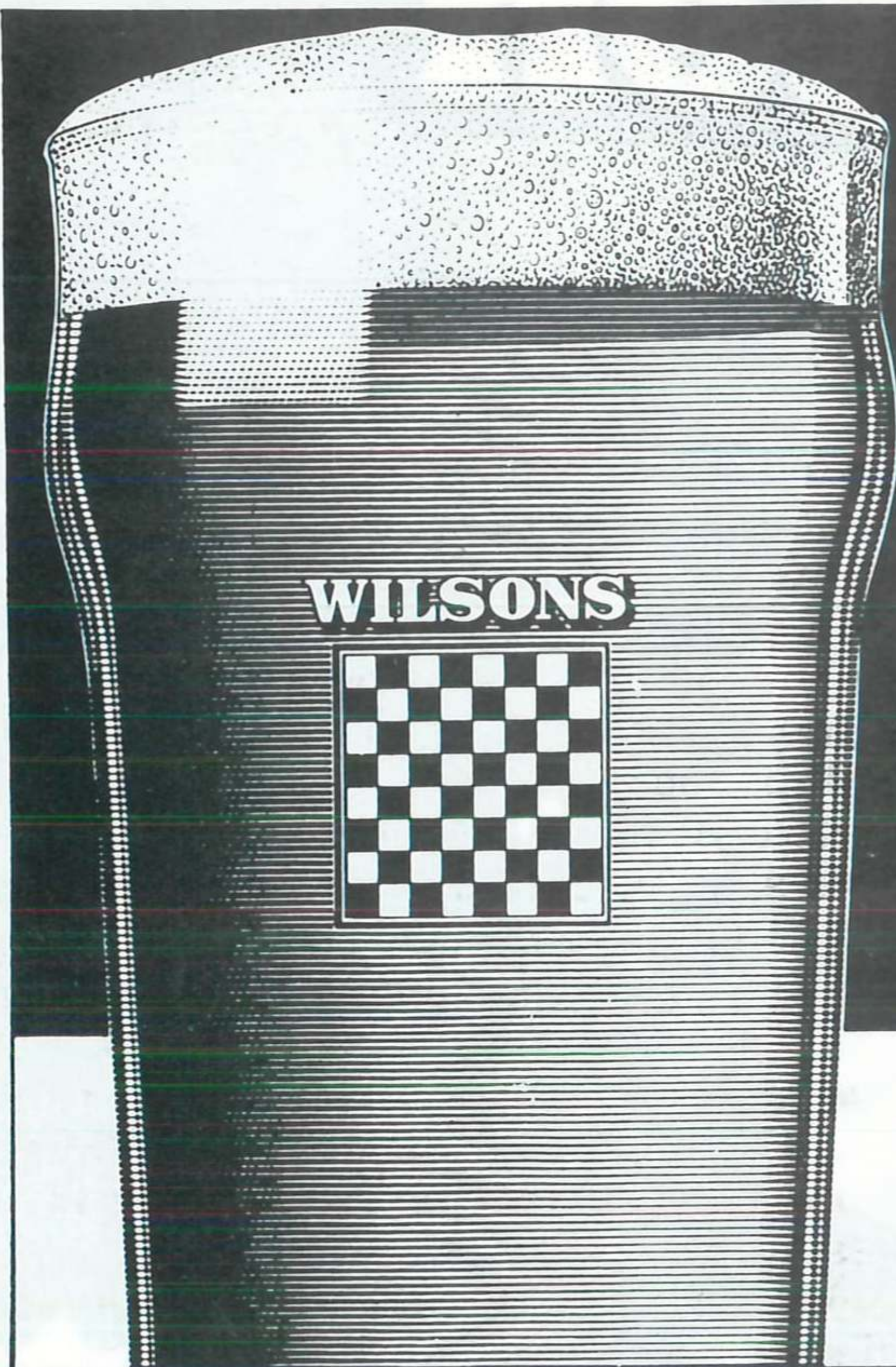
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AS WELL as being one of the main teams challenging for promotion, today's visitors Millwall also have two of the most lethal finishers in our division in Dean Neale and Kevin Bremner.

And to back up their promotion challenge they recently invested £55,000 in John Fashanu from Lincoln — guaranteeing a

quality of replacement in the event of injuries.

But perhaps the most significant point about the Millwall attack is that to add to that trio of strikers they have a player in Steve Lovell who has forged ahead of our own George Oghani and is currently the top scorer in the Third Division.

Being the first of two home matches we will be looking today, as usual, to provide entertainment and look forward to getting into a consistent rhythm and hopefully start a good run of results.

Obviously after outlining Millwall's strengths we will have our hands full. But if we can manage to cut out the individual mistakes that have cost us goals and points during the season to date then I'm sure the results will come automatically.

With the recent revelations of the club's financial position I think we all have to appreciate that there will probably come a time when I will have to accept an offer for one of our players.

That is part and parcel of football and as long as the replacements I bring in are of similar quality to the ones I sell then it should satisfy all parties — the supporters, the directors and myself.

Talking of supporters, thanks again for a great turnout at our supporters' dance on December 5th at Maxwell's Plum which raised some much-needed club funds.

FRONT COVER: Mark Came was only inches wide with this header against Hull City in the F.A. Cup.



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Welcome to the Park

Millwall are, without doubt, one of the best teams in the Third Division this season, their brand of attacking play proving both effective and entertaining. With only one defeat in their last 10 League games, the Lions are now oozing with confidence.

Victory over Enfield last Saturday gave them further success in the F.A. Cup and they now look forward to a home derby game against Crystal Palace in round three.

So there is a lot going for Millwall at the moment and manager George Graham, who has transformed the club since his appointment in December 1982, will be looking for at least a point at Burnden Park this afternoon.

Most of Millwall's success has been obtained on their own ground where they have won eight out of nine League games. Bristol City, who drew there in October, are the only visiting side to take away a point.

Millwall have scored two away wins in the League — at Doncaster (1-0) and Gillingham (4-1). They drew at Walsall (3-3), York (1-1) and Bristol Rovers (1-1) but have been beaten at Cambridge (0-1), Newport (2-3) and Bradford City (1-3).

In the Milk Cup they drew at Reading (1-1) and won their home leg 4-3. They then lost 1-3 at Chelsea and drew 1-1 at home.

They won at Weymouth (3-0) in the first round of the F.A. Cup and won at home to Enfield (1-0) last Saturday.

Millwall, who have changed divisions six times over the past 20 years, hope to be making another move at the end of this season.

The club was formed as Millwall Rovers in 1885 and they were one of the founder members of the Southern League in 1894. During their non-League days they twice reached the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup, in 1900 and 1903.

In 1920 they became founder members of the Football League Division Three (South) and in 1937 they became the first Third Division side ever to reach the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup.

The Lions won the Third (South) championship by ten clear points in 1928 and held their place in Division Two for six seasons before dropping back again. They were champions in 1938 but fell back after the war, in 1948.

MILLWALL

MILLWALL ARE PROMOTION MATERIAL

by Tony Pullein

They found themselves part of the newly-formed Fourth Division in 1958 but, though they regained their Third Division place in 1962, they lost it again two years later.

Yet that relegation marked the beginning of one of the most successful eras in the club's history. In 1965 they gained promotion to the Third Division and the following year they stepped back into Division Two. At that time they set up a new Football League record by remaining unbeaten for 59 consecutive home League matches.

In 1971/72 they went closer than they had ever done to achieving First Division status when they held one of the top two positions from first day to last, then had to wait in agony as Birmingham slipped ahead of them when they had completed their fixtures.

Relegation came again in 1975 but they returned to Division Two after only one season.

They remained a Second Division club until their last relegation in 1979.

The managerial chair at The Den has had many occupants as one crisis has been followed by another and George Graham became the twelfth post-war occupant when he took over in December 1982.

PAUL SANSOME (Goalkeeper). Paul served his apprenticeship with Crystal Palace but it was after he had joined Millwall that he made his League debut against Swindon in March 1982. He is now approaching his 100th League game for the Lions.

KEITH STEVENS (Defender). Keith developed in Millwall's youth team, served his apprenticeship at The Den and made his League debut during 1980/81. Two seasons ago he won a regular place and, though he dropped out for a while last season, he has re-established himself this term.

LINDSAY SMITH (Defender). Lindsay is a player of vast experience who will shortly celebrate his 500th game in League football. His first was for Colchester in 1971 and later, after loan spells with Charlton and Millwall, he was transferred to Cambridge for £12,000 in 1978. During his stay at the Abbey Stadium, he spent a short spell on loan to Lincoln and in 1982 he moved on to Plymouth. He was a member of the Argyle side that reached the F.A. Cup semi-finals last season and he signed for Millwall in the summer.

DAVID CUSACK (Defender). David made a quick

impact when introduced to the Sheffield Wednesday side in 1975 and he completed more than 100 first-team games for the Owls before transferring to Southend three years later. For almost five years he was a fixture in the Shrimpers' team until he signed for Millwall two seasons ago.

BILL ROFFEY (Defender). Bill spent his early days with Crystal Palace, making a couple of dozen League appearances before moving to Orient in 1973. He held his place in their senior team for almost ten years and last season went to Brentford on loan. Millwall signed him in the summer.

ALAN McLEARY (Midfield). Alan is a former England youth international. He got a couple of runs in Millwall's League eleven two seasons ago and won a regular place last season.

STEVE LOVELL (Midfield). Until failing to score in his last League game, Steve had netted in nine successive League outings for the Lions and is now their leading scorer with 16 goals. Steve's first club was Crystal Palace but he made his entry into League football with Stockport County, while on loan to them in 1979/80. He won his place in the Palace side the following season and three seasons ago he was capped by Wales. He joined Millwall in 1983.

ANTON OTULAKOWSKI (Midfield). Anton was introduced to League football by Barnsley in 1975 and a year later he was signed by West Ham for £60,000. Southend paid £50,000 for him in 1979 and he remained with the Shrimpers until joining Millwall

for £30,000 two seasons ago.

LES BRILEY (Midfield). Les was a summer signing from Aldershot. He started with Chelsea, though he didn't play in their first team. Hereford gave him his League chance in 1976 but two years later Wimbledon invested a then club record fee of £16,000 to sign him. Aldershot secured his transfer for £43,000 in 1980.

STEVE LOWNDES (Forward). Steve was given his chance in League football by Newport County in 1977/78 and he was capped twice by Wales under-21s. Two seasons ago he scored 14 goals for the Somerton Park club and Millwall signed him for £55,000 shortly before the start of last season.

DEAN NEAL (Forward). Dean has been the Lions' top scorer for the past two seasons, hitting 19 in 1982/83 and 18 last season. His winning goal against Enfield in the F.A. Cup last Saturday was his 10th of the current campaign. Dean completed his apprenticeship with Q.P.R. and made 23 League appearances for the Shepherds Bush side before joining Tulsa Roughnecks in the U.S.A. Millwall signed him for £100,000 three seasons ago.

KEVIN BREMNER (Forward). Kevin came into English football with Colchester in 1980. They signed him from Scottish Highland League club Keith for £25,000 and he was their top scorer in his first season. In 1981/82 Kevin scored 24 goals for Colchester and he moved on to Millwall two seasons ago. He scored 15 times last season.



Back Row: Theo Foley (Coach), Lindsay Smith, Keith Stevens, Paul Robinson, Micky Nutton, Paul Sansome, Dave Cusack, Peter Wells, Steve Lovell, Dean Neal, Alan McLeary, Teddy Sheringham, Bryan Carnaby (Physiotherapist).

Front Row: Bill Roffey, Nicky Chatterton, Steve Lowndes, Kevin Bremner, Anton Otulakowski, George Graham (Manager), Nicky Coleman, John Neal, Tony Kinsella, Les Briley, Carl Cowley.

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Club News

In Retrospect

Today's game with the Lions will be the 23rd football league game between the clubs with the Londoners having won 12 games to the Wanderers 7.

Bolton have in fact never won a game at Millwall and the only time defeat has been avoided in 11 league visits was in a 1-1 draw in a second division game in 1974.

Although most of the league encounters have taken place in the sixties and seventies the first game between the clubs was in November 1894 when Millwall ran out 5-1 winners in a friendly at the East Ferry Ground. Millwall's goals came from Robertson (2) Aitken (2) and Geddes whilst Scottish trialist Docherty grabbed the Wanderers goal.

The first league game between the clubs took place in London when Millwall ran out 2-1 winners with a last minute goal in December 1933. The first league game at Burnden the following April saw the Wanderers run out 5-0 winners with goals from G. T. Taylor (2), Ray Westwood (2) and Jack Milsom.

Millwall also suffered a 5-0 reverse on their next league visit to Burnden in May 1967. The smallest league attendance of that season 6318 saw goals from Francis Lee (2) John Napier, Brian Bromley and Dave Lennard to round off the season in style.

The first win at Burnden by today's visitors came in October 1968 when they won 4-0 and in doing so completed the double, the Wanderers having gone down 3-1 at the Den in August.

The opening day of season 1969/70 saw the sides face each other at Burnden in what was Eddie Hopkinsons 500th League appearance for Bolton. John Byrom grabbed a hat trick as the Wanderers sported their new all white strip. Roy Greaves also found the net for Bolton to make a 4-1 scoreline, Keith Weller grabbing Millwall's goal.

Season 1973/74 saw Millwall again do the double winning 1-0 at Burnden and 2-1 at the Den and they also ousted the Wanderers from the league cup after a replay.

Bolton's keeper Barry Siddall was the hero on Bolton's only unbeaten league visit to the Den in November 1974. He saved two penalty kicks, one in each half both taken by Gordon Bolland diving to his left to push away the first and to his right to reach the second. Millwall took the lead in the 22nd minute when after Doug Allder was hauled down by Paul Jones and Siddall had saved Bolland's penalty, Gordon Hill pounced on the rebound to shoot home. Hugh Curran scored Bolton's equaliser in the 37th minute heading a Stuart Lee cross out of Bryan King's reach.

Since then seven further league meetings have taken place with the home side winning on each occasion. Last seasons game here at Burnden, the first in the third division between the clubs saw the Wanderers win 2-0 in a January mud bath.

Simon Rudge opened the scoring in the 22nd minute when he latched onto a Jeff Chandler free kick that keeper Paul Sansom had fumbled although Millwall claimed that the ball went in off Alan McLeary. Warren Joyce made sure of the points with a 65th minute goal after a typical run from midfield.

The teams for that game were — Bolton: Farnworth, Berry, Deakin, Joyce, McElhinney, Valentine, Thompson, Chandler, Foster, Rudge, Redfearn, Sub Oghani.

Millwall: Sansome, Lovell, Robinson, Martin, Nutton, McLeary, Lowndes, Bremner, Massey, Otulakowski, Chatterton, Sub Cowley for Lowndes.

The game at the Den ended in a 3-0 scoreline to the home side with Dean Neal helping himself to a hat trick and the Wanderers failing to score for the fourth successive game.

In the FA Cup the Wanderers have won both ties in 1915 after two replays and in 1955 at the third round stage.

The only league cup games took place in 1973 when after a 1-1 draw at the Den Millwall won the replay 2-1.

Our league record against Millwall is as follows:—

	PL	W	D	L	F	A
Home	11	7	2	2	25	10
Away	11	0	1	10	4	24
Total	22	7	3	12	29	34

Down Memory Lane

15 years ago 29th November 1969. The Wanderers registered their highest scoring league win for over two years with a 6-4 victory over QPR at Burnden. They were a goal down after only 45 seconds when Mick Leach shot home on an icy pitch. The Wanderers goals came from John Byrom (2) John Manning (2) Gordon Taylor and Terry Wharton whilst Barry Bridges, Dave Clement and Rodney Marsh found the net for Rangers.

6th December 1969. Bolton visited Charlton Athletic and despite going behind to a goal from Gregory two minutes before half time came back to take a point when John Byrom equalised in the 81st minute.

13th December 1969. An unchanged Bolton side fell behind early on when Chris Chilton scored for the visitors Hull City. John Byrom rocketed to the top of the goalscoring charts with two goals to win the game for Bolton.

Bolton were negotiating to sign Roger Hunt from Liverpool although the former England star had turned the Wanderers down once he eventually signed on the 16th December 1969 for £32,000.

10 years ago 30th November 1974. Ron Phillips returned to the side for the injured Peter Thompson as Bolton visited Bristol Rovers. The only goal of the game came from Alan Warboys in the 48th minute to send the Wanderers to their second successive away defeat.

7th December 1974. Bolton went down to their second home defeat of the season when Joe Mayo scored the only goal for WBA after only 5 minutes. The goal came from a poor back pass from John Ritson who had been recalled to the side in place of Tony Dunne.

14th December 1974. Bolton again went down to defeat for the fourth game in succession without scoring a goal this time at Portsmouth. Mick Mellows and Gordon Bartlett on his debut scored their goals against a side that had made changes to try and stop the rot. Tony Dunne and Warwick Rimmer and Brian Smith all returned with little effect although Paul Jones limped off injured after 15 minutes.

5 years ago 1st December 1979. A goal from Roy Greaves in the last minute earned Bolton a point against Bristol City at Burnden after David Rogers had given them 46th minute lead. Mike Carter made his league debut coming on as substitute for Alan Gowling.

8th December 1979. Carter kept his place the following week for the visit to Wolves which ended in a 3-1 defeat. After a 2nd minute penalty miss Andy Gray grabbed goals in the 12th and 70th minute but Mike Walsh put through his own goal to increase Wolves lead before Neil Whatmore scored a consolation for Bolton in the 77th minute.

15th December 1979. A goal just before half time from Alan Brazil was enough to send the Wanderers to defeat at Burnden against Ipswich Town.

This extended Boltons run to 17 league games without a win and saw them planted firmly at the bottom of the first division.

Youth Team News

The Wanderers youth side commenced their Lancashire Youth Cup 2nd round tie against Preston North End without the experience of Dean Roberts who unfortunately broke his ankle 3 days before the game in a friendly at Chester.

Paul Allen opened the scoring in the 13th minute heading home after Roger Walker had beaten three defenders before sending in a pin point cross. The Wanderers continued to have the better of the first half although after Preston had equalised through Greenwood in the 53rd minute they took the upper hand and overall a 1-1 draw was a fair result.

Team: Mailey, Darby, Whitlow, Shepherd, Howard, Winstanley, Walker, Watson, Hughes, Morris, Allen. Subs Lennox and Griffin (both used).

Supporters Association

Tickets are now available for the annual fancy dress evening to be held in the Executive Club here at Burnden on Tuesday 18th December. They are priced £2.00 and £1.50 for members and can be obtained from the Promotions Office.

Don't forget that on Monday evenings supporters meetings are held here at Burnden in the players lounge commencing at 8.00 pm when everyone is welcome.

Junior Whites

Today's mascot is Garry Smethurst of Hillcot Road, Astley Bridge Bolton. Garry is 10 years old and attends Sharples County Primary school for whom he is goalkeeper in the school team. His favourite player is Jeff Chandler.

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In Reserve

31st October 1984.

Bolton Wanderers Reserves 2, Preston North End Reserves 2
Simon Rudge opened the scoring in the 15th minute with a left foot shot from close in but Preston clawed their way back into the game and by the 79th minute held a 2-1 lead with both their goals coming from Stevens.

Rudge equalised for Bolton eight minutes from time with another left foot shot set up by a Steve Saunders cross.

Team: Platt, Berry, Deakin, Booth, McElhinney, Howard, Walker, Saunders, Rudge, Lodge, Roberts; Sub. Darby.

8th November 1984

Bolton Wanderers Reserves 4, Blackpool Reserves 0

It took the Wanderers only 2 minutes of the game to find the net when Dean Roberts fired home after a fine move involving Roger Walker and Steve Saunders. Roberts also grabbed the second goal in the 32nd minute but was lucky to get a rebound off a defender after seemingly missing the chance.

Jeff Chandler converted a penalty in the 62nd minute after Roger Walker had been fouled and Steve Saunders completed the

scoring in the 83rd minute netting his first central league goal of the season.

Team: Platt, Berry, Shepherd, Booth, McElhinney, Valentine, Walker, Saunders, Roberts, Lodge, Chandler; Sub. Whitlow for McElhinney.

13th November 1984.

Wigan Athletic Reserves 4, Bolton Wanderers Reserves 1

A hat trick from Alex Bruce in the space of 23 minutes after an opening goal by Garry Bennett gave Wigan a commanding lead early into the second half at Springfield Park.

The Wanderers slowly came back into the game but could only pull one goal back in the 82nd minute when Mike Whitlow tapped the ball home after the keeper could only parry a Dean Roberts shot.

In the 87th minute John Platt saved a dubious award penalty taken by Neil Bailey to keep the score respectable.

Team: Platt, Darby, Whitlow, Booth, Berry, Howard, Walker, Shepherd, Saunders, Lodge, Roberts; Sub. Allen for Walker.

IS WINNING MORE IMPORTANT THAN STYLE?

Prague on Wednesday, Watford on Saturday. That is the kind of itinerary the players at Tottenham Hotspur have come to accept as normal practice as they jet around Europe.

The Spurs have been parading their talents across the fields of Europe since September 1961 and their last home game, against Bohemians of Prague, in the Third Round of the UEFA Cup, in November, was their 43rd appearance.

In that sequence they have participated in all three major competitions; the European Cup, the Cup Winners Cup and the UEFA Cup, of which they are the current holders. What is more they have never ever lost a home tie and that is an achievement that even Liverpool cannot equal.

Indeed it was Spurs who led the way, becoming the first British club to win a European pot, when they thrashed Atletico Madrid 5-1 in the Final of the European Cup Winners Cup in the Feyenoord Stadium in Rotterdam in 1963.

There were some great names in the Tottenham line-up that May evening: Brown, Baker, Henry, Blanchflower, Norman, Marchi, Jones, White, Smith, Greaves, Dyson. That team had real style.

Since then the tradition has been maintained and Tottenham have forged a European reputation second only to Liverpool's. The added fixtures and pressure, particularly when contesting the later stages, adds a considerable burden to the club's resources but it is a burden they relish.

"There is no better soccer education than playing competitive football in Europe," says team manager Peter Shreeves, "it adds to our all-round game."

Their travels have taken them to as diverse locations as Iceland, Poland, Russia, Spain and Portugal over the years, magical mystery tours injected into an already hectic League programme.

"It is a challenge I particularly enjoy as a coach and manager and the players enjoy it as well.

"It is obviously no problem coming back to the English game after a trip abroad. You are talking about 40 odd games where you know what it is going to be like. It is the half-dozen against the foreign sides which provide the unusual elements. We face a different style of play every time."

Peter Shreeves is one of the games deep thinkers and a very shrewd tactician. He learns from his sojourns into Europe and then puts into practice the principles he believes will help Spurs become a better side.

In their home-leg against Brugge earlier this season Spurs took a 3-0 lead in at half-time to head the Belgians 4-2 on aggregate. But then the White Hart Lane crowd became restless as Spurs defended their position in the second period instead of opening up in the traditional Spurs manner.

Afterwards Peter Shreeves explained: "Over the past three years we have learned that the most important thing is to win the games in Europe. Europe is littered with teams who tried to play pretty football and lost.

"Personally I learned a lot from Barcelona when we played them in the semi-final of the Cup Winners Cup in 1982. We had drawn 1-1 at White Hart Lane in the first-leg and they played against us at home with seven defenders. They beat us 1-0 and went into the final. They were not worried about entertaining their crowd, they were just happy to get through."

After just four months in charge the Shreeves influence on the Spurs style has obviously been effective. With 16 Canon League games played the Spurs were second in the First Division table with 33 goals scored — just one less than Everton — and only 16 conceded — a defensive record better than any other team in the Division apart from Liverpool.

It seems that Mr Shreeves has learned some valuable lessons on the European trail and what is more he has been able to instigate them and strengthen the team's defensive ability while at the same time not detracting from their offensive capability.

At the ultimate, winning might be more important than style, but winning in style is by far the better combination and that has always been Spurs trademark.



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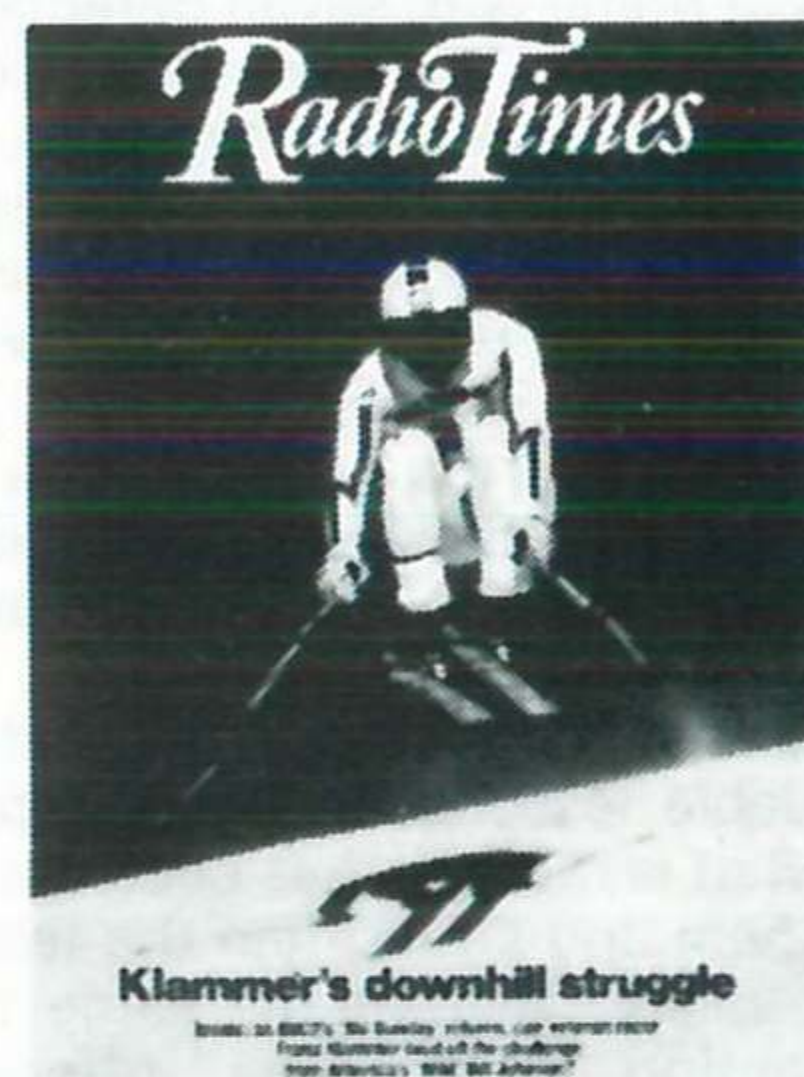
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MAD DOGS AND FIFA MEN

FIFA the World governing body of football has once more sold its sole to the TV moguls and so the competitors in the 1986 World Cup Finals in Mexico will have to play in the searing midday heat.

The kick-off times have been fixed for 12 noon and 4.00 p.m. so that TV viewers in Europe will be able to see their teams in action during the mid-evening and around midnight.

This is an added complication the players could well do without particularly in a country where the altitude will pose enough problems.

Mexico City itself is some 7,000 feet above sea level and that can drain the fittest athletes as previous experiences have shown. Some members of the 1970 England World Cup squad who took part in the Mexico finals lost up to a stone in body weight.

As I say FIFA have made these decisions to comply with the various TV networks which seems to indicate that they never learn from experience if there are enough dollars around.

In the last series, played in Spain, the football served up in the early

afternoon sessions was of a sub-standard quality to that provided in the evening games. . . It was simply too hot for players to perform.

I would have thought it was in the best interests of the game to put on the best show and that means playing the games in conditions more suitable for football.

THE GIRLS TRY AGAIN

England's women kick off their second European Championship bid with a home game against Scotland in Group 2 of the qualifying tournament in which they also face Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

The English girls finished as runners-up in the first Championship, losing to Sweden in the final.

The champions, start their campaign in Group 3 with an away tie in France and then face Holland and Belgium.

A total of 16 Football Associations are taking part with Finland, Norway, West Germany and Denmark in Group 1 and Hungary, Spain, Italy and

Switzerland contesting Group 4.

All the qualifying matches have to be completed by December 31, 1985.

EARLY GREETINGS

I know the Post Office like us to post early for Christmas but none can be on the ball more than FIFA. I received my Christmas Card from them on November 24th!



TURKISH DELIGHT

When England visited Turkey in November some of the lads found the food hard to stomach. Ipswich Town defender Ian Cranson was no exception. Travelling in the Under-21 party he said: "I can't say I was impressed with the food or the conditions. In fact I think I lived for four days on chocolate and biscuits that the Doctor took out with us."

THERE was a sense of outrage in Bobby Robson's voice, when he answered those critics who had dismissed England's 8-0 victory in Istanbul, as just a hollow win over very poor opposition.

"The whole world is sitting up and taking notice this time. It has given us a tremendous psychological advantage," blasted the England manager defiantly.

The bitterness reflected by Mr Robson is understandable. He finds himself shackled to a catch 22 situation which he just can't win. Had his team gone out and beaten Turkey 2-1 or 3-0 then they would have been publicly ridiculed through the columns of the national press. Having

clear indication of the narrowing of the gap between the established elite of Europe and the third-world countries in football terms.

Iceland have also proved the point with a 1-0 victory over Wales in Reykjavik and a 2-1 defeat in Cardiff.

WORLD VIBRATIONS

No. There are no easy games in world football anymore and thus England's achievement in the Inonu Stadium must be judged in this light and on that basis it was a very good win indeed.

The most encouraging aspects were undoubtedly the ability of the team to turn their footballing

there in 1927, although this will be the first World Cup clash between the two nations in the capital city.

Without doubt the sternest test for England will follow nine weeks later in Bucharest against the strong physical Rumanians. It was they who upset the apple cart in 1980 with a 2-1 World Cup win thanks to a very dubious penalty decision, but if England are to build on their growing reputation as a new force in world football then they must be seen to be able to cope with the likes of these Eastern Europeans.

IRISH EXAM

It would certainly be unwise to write Rumania off despite their

ENGLAND MAKE AN IMPRESSION

administered a soundly professional thrashing to a fully professional side the knockers were still not satisfied.

Some have short memories for it was only last year that Turkey recorded victories over Northern Ireland and Austria in the European Championship.

No wonder the England boss demanded: "Give us some credit for a change. You don't get eight goals against anyone without being exceptional."

That is true. High scoring results in international football are becoming less and less frequent as the smaller nations learn to organise their defensive strategy and frustrate their opponents.

On the world stage today just to win is as much as you can hope for, particularly in competitive matches such as the World Cup. Take a look at some of the results already recorded in the current preliminary competition.

In Group 1 Poland were held at home by Albania to a 2-2 draw. Finland beat Northern Ireland 1-0, in Pori, in England's section, Group 3. While in Group 4, the current European Champions, France, could not score against the part-timers of Luxembourg in the second half of their game after taking a 4-0 lead in the opening 45 minutes.

And what about little Cyprus in Nicosia they lost just 1-2 to Austria and by the same score to Hungary in Limassol. Is that not a

superiority into goals and one of the scoring heroes, Tony Woodcock, has no hesitation in putting the record straight —

Says the Arsenal striker: "I think this result will have sent tremors around the world. I can remember when I was in Germany the Germans were very frightened about playing in Turkey. They anticipated a difficult game and expected to win only by the odd goal. So our performance is a real eye opener to the rest of the world."

"Remember the opposition are only as weak as you make them look and I was absolutely delighted with the result. It was a sound performance and to win 8-0 away from home is a very very good result by any standard."

England now hold a strong position at the top of the Group 3 table and they should strengthen their claim to a ticket to Mexico when they meet Northern Ireland in Belfast next February.

The Irish are tucked in just behind Robson's leaders and their prospects of reaching the World Cup Finals for a second successive series could well depend on how they fare in this game. With the concluding stages of their campaign finishing in Bucharest and at Wembley next autumn, it is essential they make the most of their home advantage.

Not that history is on Ireland's side. England have not lost in Belfast in 23 visits since last losing

defeat in Belfast. They reached the Finals of the European Championship last summer and were unlucky not to beat West Germany in that tournament.

I saw them in France where they showed a nasty streak when things were not going their way, and though they do not have any particularly outstanding individuals of a world class nature they are a very competent unit and defend in depth effectively.

Meanwhile England's two victories have established a growing confidence in the Robson camp and with Ray Wilkins — for my money the outstanding player in Istanbul — and Bryan Robson forging what has the makings of a world class partnership in midfield there is room for growing optimism.

I'm not too sure about Steve Williams in his present role mind you. He has tended to drift after the ball too much and does not possess the instinctive creativity of say Glenn Hoddle.

The Spurs midfielder is the most naturally gifted player in the country and I would like to see him given his head over an extended international run. When it comes to winning World Cups you need a few sparks of genius around.

One can hardly fault an attack that has scored 13 goals in two games. Woodcock has claimed three of those goals, Hateley 2 and Barnes 2, with midfielder

Bryan Robson leading the way with four and defenders Kenny Sansom and Viv Anderson adding one each.

At the back we have looked sound as well and Bobby Robson has been pleased with the form of central defenders Terry Butcher and Mark Wright. "They compliment each other nicely and both are good on the ground as well as in the air," says the England chief.

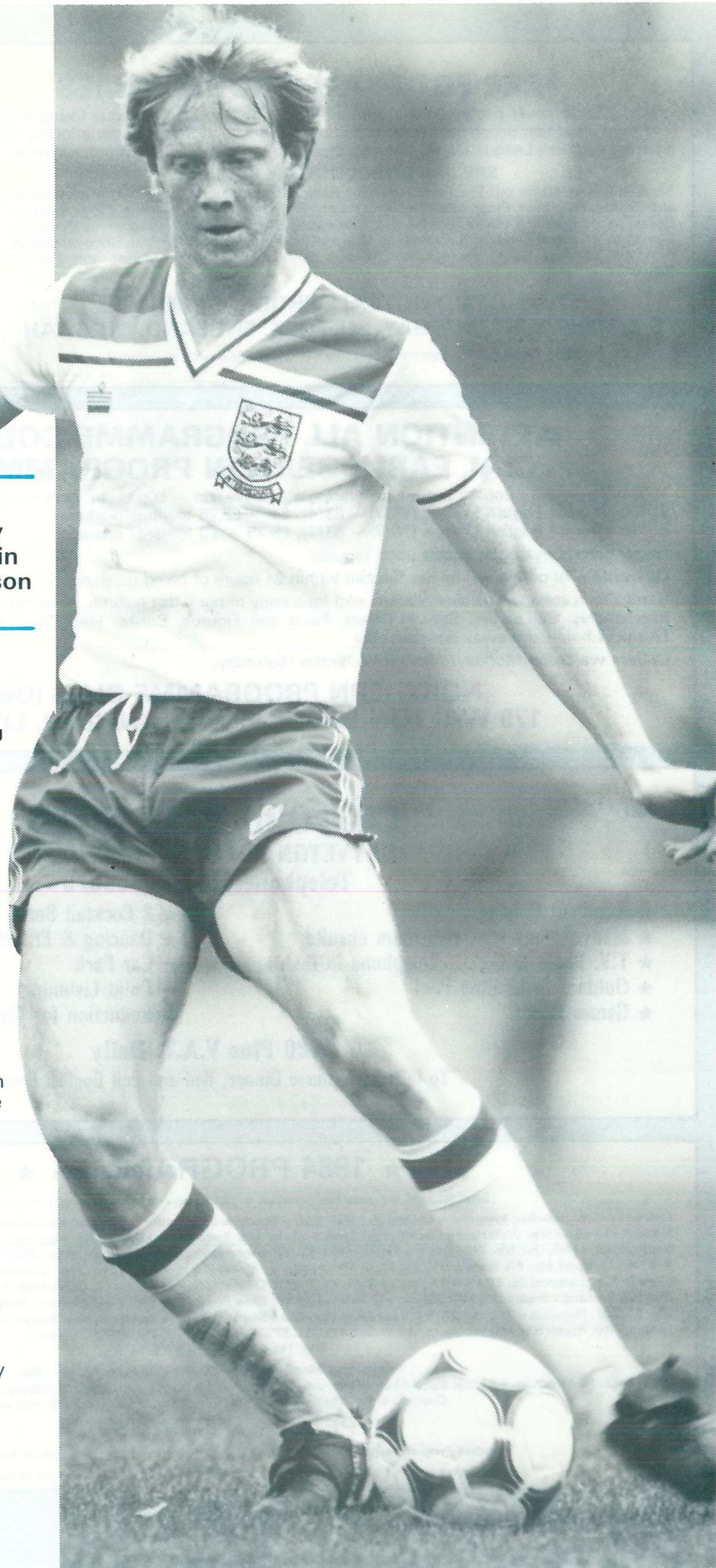
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Mark Wright, the young defender who has not yet faced the crucial test.

It must be mentioned however that the two matches so far played have been so comfortable that the back-four have not yet received a serious examination. They could face that in Belfast where Gerry Armstrong, Billy Hamilton and Norman Whiteside have a habit of rising to the occasion.

At the moment we have several players bordering on world class and several others whose inclusion in the team prompts debate. If the team can string a series of good results together then they will all gain in confidence, the better players will thus establish themselves as world stars and the others will become proficient international players. That is the basis Mr Robson is aiming for.

To achieve the ultimate goal a settled side is essential to build up team spirit and create the right atmosphere. With Finland thrashed and Turkey well and truly stuffed the blue touch paper has already been lit. If all goes well and this team develops as it should then we can expect the English revival to explode into World Cup reality in Mexico '86!



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The dramatic recall of Ossie Ardiles to first team action gives a clear indication of just how important the little Argentinian is to Tottenham Hotspur.

Obviously worried by the quality of the Czechoslovakian side Bohemians Prague, Spurs manager Peter Shreeves was anxious to get his injury plagued super-star back in the side for the second leg tie in Prague.

"All the players look up to Ossie," explains Mr Shreeves, "he is a great inspiration to us all, his very presence in the team raises the rest of the lads."

Ossie Ardiles had become the forgotten man of English football after establishing himself as an idol at White Hart Lane

following his dramatic transfer to Tottenham in July 1978, after playing a major role in Argentina's World Cup triumph that year.

In those first few seasons at Tottenham the little midfielder emphasised his world class ability at the heart of the Spurs team where not only his tremendous technique and vision was a feature but his running power too.

Then the former law student's career was torpedoed by the Falklands war. Ossie felt it prudent to leave England in the summer of 1982, having missed the FA Cup Final against Q.P.R. because he was locked away in Luis Menotti's Argentine World Cup camp, and then suffering a disappointing Final series in Spain.

The London club were anxious not to lose their little genius on a permanent basis and a loan transfer to French First Division club Paris St. Germain was drawn up. Unfortunately things did not go too well for him there and he returned to White Hart Lane, disillusioned, half-way through the following season.

The return of the Prodigal Son did not quite follow the original text however and after making his comeback debut as a substitute at Old Trafford in December 1983, he made only eight further appearances, the last being against West Bromwich Albion in mid-March.

Eventually his trouble was diagnosed as a cracked shinbone and after recovering from that Ardiles made a come back as a 76th minute substitute against Anderlecht in the second-leg of last May's UEFA Cup Final.

But Ossie's troubles were not over. Knee ligament trouble ruled him out of the side for the beginning of this season and after undergoing surgery his comeback was further postponed by a chest infection.

It has proved a devastating 18 months for the 32-year-old star and frustration was evidently getting the better of him when he announced: "If I don't feel at the end of it that I can be a first team player again, then I won't carry on."

The build-up started in mid-November with a Testimonial appearance against Sutton and a couple of reserve team outings followed by a game against the Australian national team, arranged especially for his benefit.

"The encouraging thing is that I'm not suffering pain anymore from my knee, which had bothered me during some of my previous comeback attempts," he says.

It is a worrying time for the little player who has given so much.

Star Profile

A look back at some of the Wanderers past players



ENGLAND must have been particularly well-blessed with inside forwards if Freddie Hill was restricted to just two international caps.

They are the astonishing statistics of the international career of a player who, in many people's eyes, was one of the most gifted forwards to be produced by the Burnden club.

But would it have been a different matter if a proposed move to Liverpool had not broken down in 1964? Would fame with the terrific Anfield side of the 60s have brought greater rewards?

Today's YESTERDAY'S HEROES feature traces the career of one of the all time Burnden Park favourites.

IT WAS years before the background to the Liverpool business actually came to light.

Freddie Hill, twice capped by England, looked all set to join Bill Shankly's great Anfield Reds when the deal was called off. Wanderers were blamed at first for putting too high a price on the player's head — £60,000 was rumoured to be the fee.

It was later revealed that the stumbling block had not been money but Hill's high blood pressure which medical checks had brought to light.

Liverpool's loss however turned out to be the gain of the Wanderers and of local rivals Manchester City who were to benefit from his services in the years ahead.

Sheffield-born, Freddie Hill emerged from Sheffield junior football in 1957 when he signed for the Wanderers in the face of stiff opposition from Sheffield Wednesday.

He was 17 at the time and twelve months later he appeared in the first team at Villa Park. But it was only in August 1959 that he became a permanent member of the attack when Dennis Stevens took over at centre forward as stand in for Nat Lofthouse.

Within three seasons he had risen to the England Under 23 ranks and in October of 1962 won the prized honour of a full England cap when he played against Northern Ireland in Belfast.

The following month this was followed up with a second cap against Wales at Wembley — but that was it!

The pity was that this talented player was not allowed longer on the international stage to display his undoubted talents and it is his League career which provides the brightest of memories for Hill fans.

Freddie, not known for his goalscoring prowess, hit the net 74 times for the Wanderers in 374 League appearances before he was transferred to Halifax Town for £5,000 in 1969.

At 29 they were saying that he was on the slide. But a shock move to Manchester City for £12,000 in May 1970 took him to one of the great clubs of the day and revived his old partnership with Wanderers' old boy Franny Lee.

He made 35 appearances for City and scored three goals before joining Peterborough in 1973 where he ended his League career playing 73 times.

He later put his skills to good use on the non-league scene with spells at Droylsden and Radcliffe Borough.

Though he was always a firm favourite with the Bolton crowd who warmed to his craft on the field, Hill's Bolton days were littered with transfer requests.

In 1962 — after the scrapping of the maximum wage restrictions the young Hill hit out at the basic £30 a week salary he was being offered by the Wanderers. He asked for a transfer four times in the next two years before almost getting his wish granted with the Liverpool "deal".

In 1967 he asked for a move after being dropped from the senior side having suffered a loss of confidence when he was played out of position on the wing.

But each time he made his peace until he was transferred to Halifax in '69.

Married to a Bolton girl Freddie became a celebrity in the town in which he made his name and brought pleasure to countless Wanderers fans.



● The end of his Bolton days. Freddie Hill signs for Halifax watched by Town manager Alan Ball and Wanderers' boss Nat Lofthouse.



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York City	18	5	3	1	20	10	3	1	5	12	15	28
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Sept.	4 Leeds United	1-1
	12 Doncaster Rovers	2-3
	19 Oldham Athletic	0-2
	26 Hull City	2-1
Oct.	3 Middlesbrough	1-3
	10 Port Vale	0-2
	17 Grimsby Town	4-3
	24 Leicester City	0-2
	31 Preston North End	2-2
Nov.	8 Blackpool	4-0
	13 Wigan Athletic	1-4
	21 Scunthorpe United	0-1
	27 Burnley	2-0
Dec	5 York City	0-5
	12 Wolverhampton Wanderers	6-2
1985	19 Sunderland	
Jan.	8 Rotherham United	
	16 Leeds United	
	23 Doncaster Rovers	
	30 Oldham Athletic	
Feb.	6 Middlesbrough	
	13 Hull City	
	20 Wigan Athletic	
	26 Blackpool	
Mar.	7 Preston North End	
	11 Leicester City	
	19 Grimsby Town	
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	10 Burnley	
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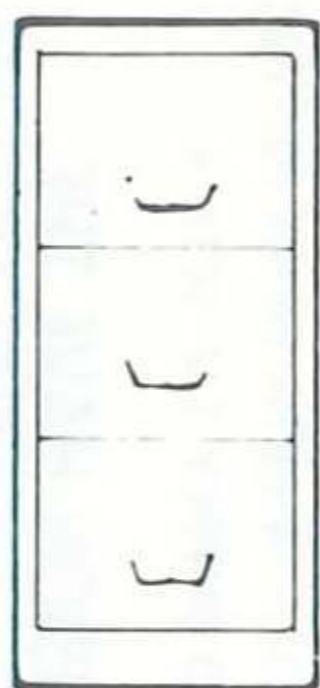
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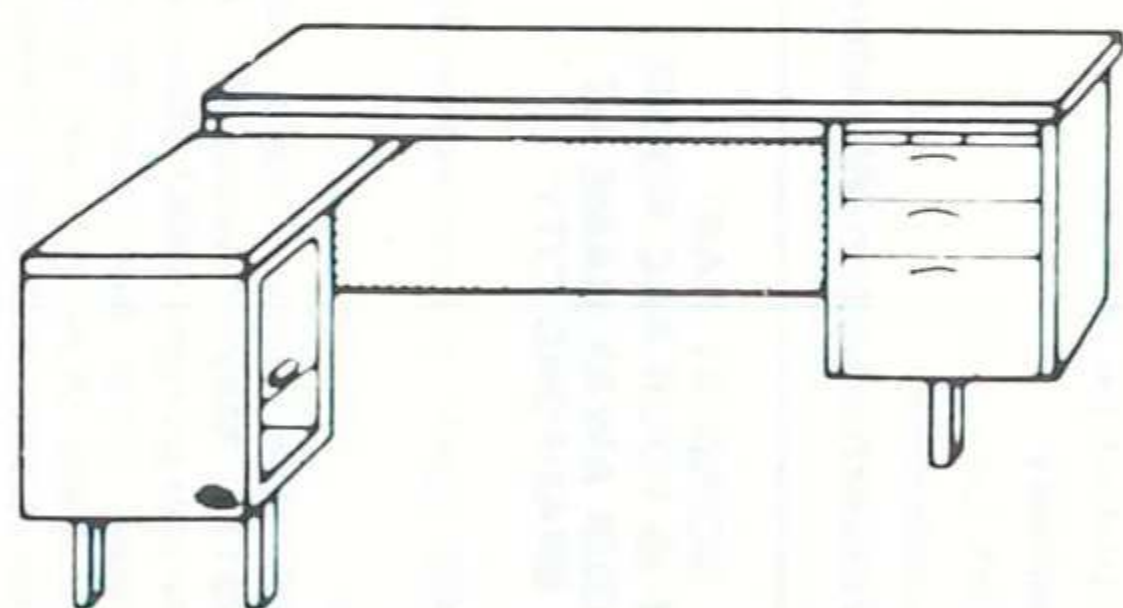
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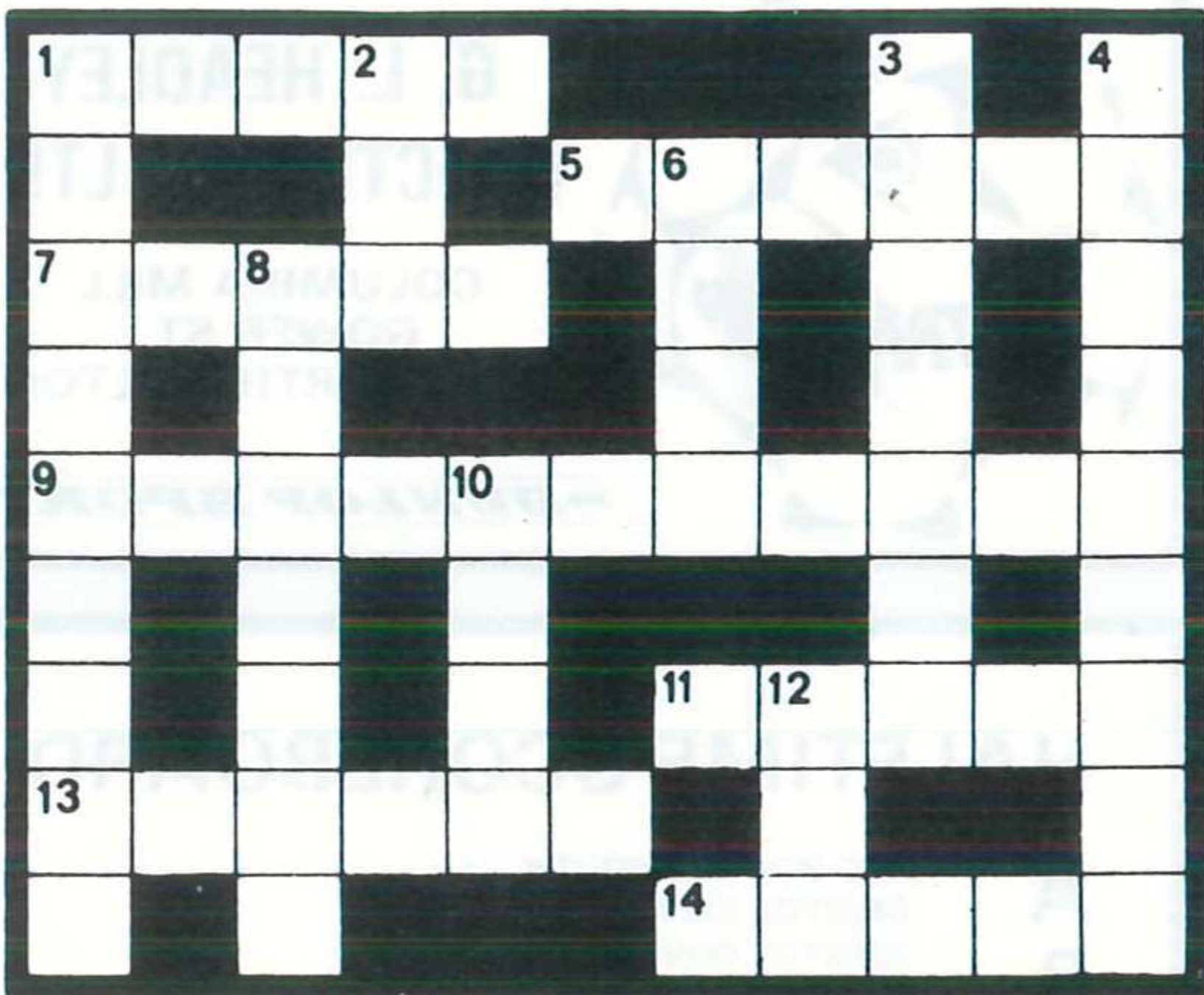
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- 7. Peter — — — (whose name describes good wine) had a career of around 600 matches and 150 goals in the League, mainly with Swindon and Burnley (5)
- 9. Where Pompey perform (7,4)
- 11. Bobby Charlton was always prepared to do it (5)
- 13. Shapter the referee sounds like a club! (6)
- 14. One of Newport County's colours (5)



DOWN

- 1. A regular scorer with several northern clubs (notably Southport, Blackburn and Sheffield United), he went Stateside in the seventies (4,5)
- 2. Donaghy, could be (3)
- 3. — — — Sting, NASL side (7)
- 4. As which Chris Balderstone, a 500-match man, won his England caps (9)
- 6. One of the Waddles (4)
- 8. Ken — — —, much-travelled striker who netted 150 goals shared between Tranmere, Brighton, Blackburn and others (7)
- 10. The 't' in 'a.e.t.' (4)
- 12. Biblically-named forward who was mainly with his two home-town Bradford clubs (two spells each), though some of his 150 goals came with Grimsby, Preston and Rotherham (3)

Answers to No. 11: **ACROSS:** 1. Nicol, 5. bottle, 7. club, 8. Spencer, 10. Liddell, 12; Rome, 13. Stride, 14. Luton. **DOWN:** 1. Nicholas, 2. Crusaders, 3. home, 4. Stockport, 6. European, 9. Pol, 11. ends.

QUICK QUIZ No. 12

- 1. Of the thirteen men who played for Holland in the 1974 World Cup final how many reappeared in the 1978 final?
- 2. Which club top-scored in Division One in both 1936/37 and 1937/38 . . . ?
- 3. . . . and how — curiously — did its final League table positions compare?
- 4. What English club has a two-part name with five letters in each part?
- 5. Of the seven clubs to lose League status since World War 2 how many were situated north of Derby?

Answers to No. 11
1. Two, 2. Everton, 3. Roma, Anderlecht and Porto, 4. Ipswich (1963/64), 5. Northern Ireland and Norway.

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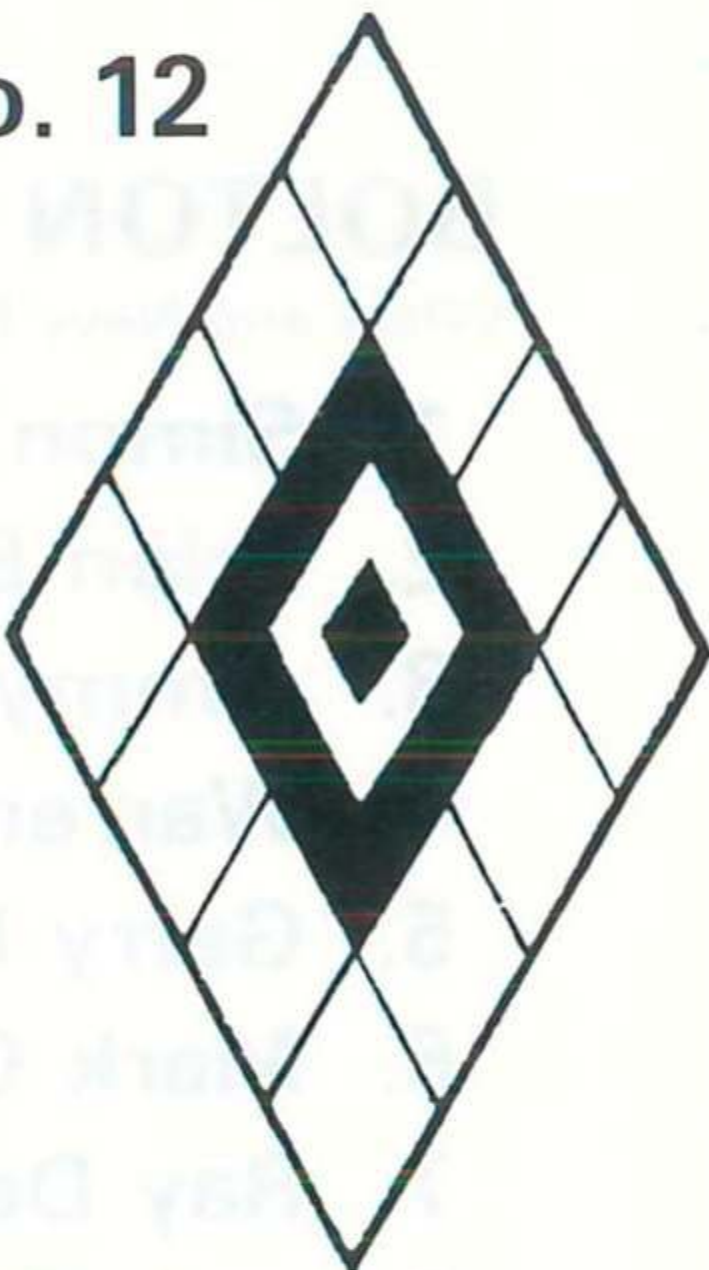
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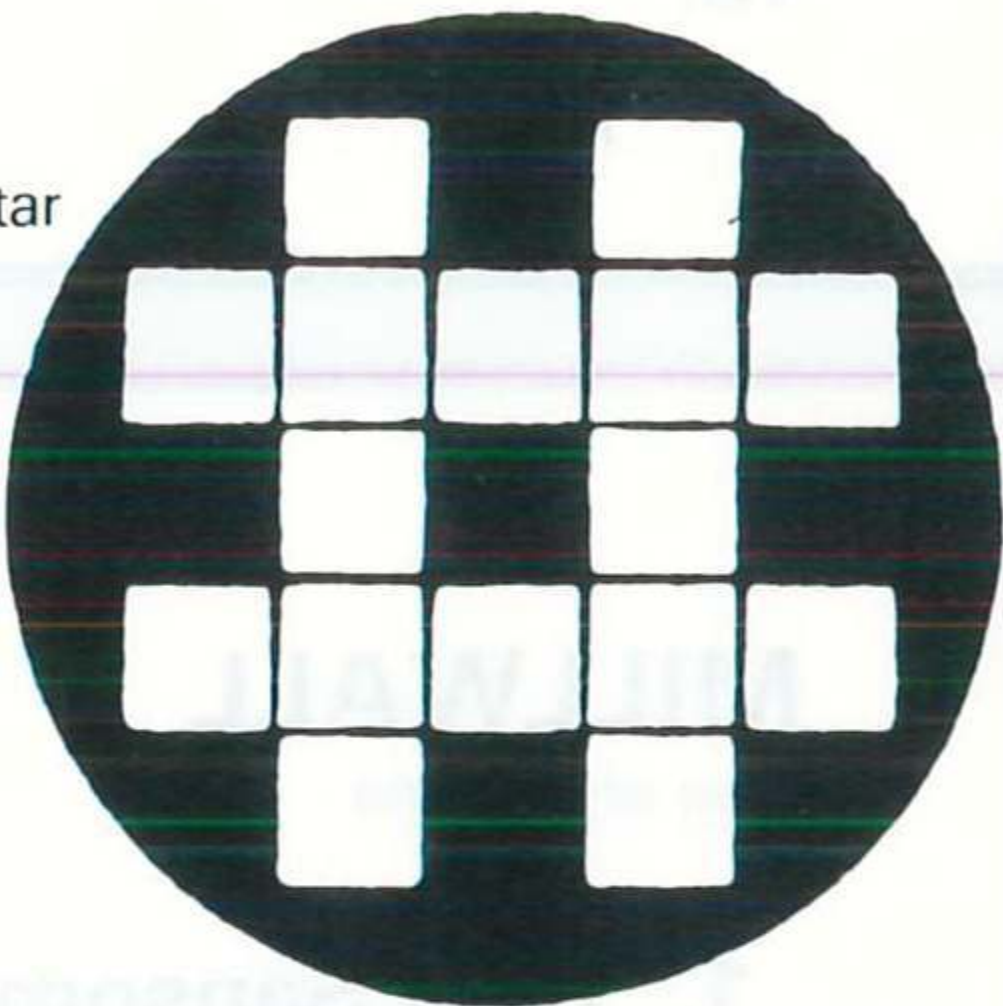


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Teams

BOLTON WANDERERS

White and Navy Blue

1. Simon Farnworth
2. Brian Borrows
3. Jimmy Phillips
4. Warren Joyce
5. Gerry McElhinney
6. Mark Came
7. Ray Deakin
8. Jeff Chandler
9. George Oghani
10. Wayne Foster
11. Graham Bell
- 12.

MILLWALL

Blue and White

1. Paul Sansome
2. Keith Stevens
3. Bill Roffey
4. Alan McLeary
5. Lindsay Smith
6. Dave Cusack
7. Steve Lowndes
8. Kevin Bremner
9. Dean Neal
10. Steve Lovell
11. Anton Otulakowski
- 12.

Today's Referee: GARY APLIN

(Kendal, Cumbria)

Boot and shoe operative ("Clicker"). Married with three children. Commenced refereeing in 1970 progressing via Lancashire Combination and North West Counties League. Enjoys fishing and travelling. Linesman 1983 F.A. Trophy final.

Linesmen: L. A. HOWGATE (Wallasey) Red Flag
A. F. SIMMONS (Cheadle-Hulme) Yellow Flag

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